

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Keller
Serial No. : 09/634,038
Filed : August 8, 2000
Title : AUGMENTATION AND REPAIR VOCAL CORD TISSUE DEFECTS

Art Unit : 3738
Examiner : William H. Matthews
Conf. No. : 5444

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2007, Applicant provisionally elects the species of: (A) fibroblasts derived from connective tissue, dermis, or fascia; and (BB) injection. Claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-4, 6-8, and 10-11.

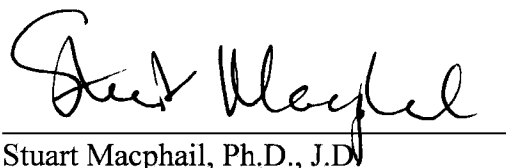
The election is made with traverse on the grounds that claim 1 is generic in that it generically claims what the disclosure teaches, i.e., the repair of vocal cord defects using cultured autologous cells.

Enclosed is a request for an automatic extension of time. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 10592-022002.

Respectfully submitted,

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